

**PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF
JANUARY 23, 2020
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 12TH FLOOR
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
202 C STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

Chairperson Susan Peerson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Chairperson Susan Peerson adjourned the meeting at 9:40 AM.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

Chairperson Susan Peerson – present
Vice-Chairperson William Hofman – present
Commissioner James Whalen – present
Commissioner Douglas Austin – present
Commissioner Vicki Granowitz – present
Commissioner Dennis Otsuji – present
Commissioner Matthew Boomhower - present

Staff

Leslie FitzGerald, City Attorney – present
Laura Black, Planning Department – present
PJ FitzGerald, Development Services Department – present
Thomas Bui, Development Services Department – present
Carmina Trajano, Recorder – present

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kathleen Lippitt commented on Brown Act violations.

REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED AND/OR WITHDRAWN

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Accepted as presented.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PJ FitzGerald, Assistant Deputy Director of the Development Services Department commented on the move to 101 Ash Street and the subsequent relocation back to 1222 First Avenue. Development Services would be open for business the following day at 7 AM. All staff had been relocated, and expanded business hours were offered to expedite customer service and reduce impacts caused by the temporary closure and relocation. Extended hours would be offered from Friday, January 24th to Friday, February 14th and would be open 7:00 to 11:00 A.M and 12:30 to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 8 AM to 12 P.M. She noted that she would have more information towards the end of the meeting and added that Saturday the 25th Development Services would be open but by appointment only. She added that more information was available by checking the web site for future notices. She reported that the Ridgehaven office in Kearny Mesa had no service interruptions. The 24/7 online services were up and running, offering services including solar photovoltaic, code enforcement investigation, zoning, and simple No Plan mechanical, electrical, and plumbing permits. Public hearings were all in order. All hearings including the Hearing Officer, Planning Commission, and Historical Resources Board would proceed as scheduled. She welcomed people to visit the website at www.sandiego/dsd-email to receive additional important notices on operational updates. She thanked everyone for their patience.

Laura Black, Deputy Director, Planning Department, wished everyone a Happy New Year. She followed up with Assistant Deputy Director Fitzgerald's statement saying the Planning Department was also located in the 101 Ash building and have now relocated back to the Kearny Mesa office off Aero Drive. She noted that they would be fully up and running by Monday morning. She offered thanks for the continued patience and wanted them to know that staff is working remotely. So, if there were any issues, the best way to contact staff is to email them.

Regarding Code amendments, she will be going back to phase 1 on December 11th. The California Coastal Commission certified Phase 1 of the 12th update. So, that is in effect Citywide. Phase 2 will be in effect February 9th, 2020. They are still waiting on Coastal Commission certification on Phase 2. The Cannabis billboards were pulled out of Phase 2 and that came forward in December to City Council due to a noticing situation. That was reheard January 13th and that was approved. The second reading is next Tuesday, January 28. She is looking at the Cannabis billboard item being effective within February as well outside of coastal and the Third Phase of the 12th Update, the last Phase, is going before Land Use and Housing Committee today at 1:00 P.M. here in the Committee Room.

COMMISSION COMMENT

Chairperson Susan Pearson welcomed everyone and noted this as the first meeting of the New Year, 2020 and looked forward to a great year ahead. She noted that Commissioner Granowitz had a press conference and, with her leadership with Circulate San Diego, brought forward some important goals to make streets safer. She didn't want to go into details, but Chairperson Pearson noted a year ago Commissioner Granowitz was hit and nearly killed at an intersection in San Diego, in North Park. Commissioner Pearson said she was thrilled to have her here today and thrilled to have her on the Commission as she lends an important voice and is now leading this effort to make our streets safer. She also acknowledged her work and just pleased to have her here.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM-1: *Appeal of Hearing Officer's decision on August 7, 2019*

ABBOTT RESIDENCE - CDP/TM- PROJECT NO. 538814

City Council District: 1

Plan Area: La Jolla

Staff: Glenn Gargas

Speaker slips in favor of the project submitted by Aric Spangler, Chandra Slava, Walt Crampton and Dave Russell.

Speaker slips in opposition to the project submitted by Talon Powers.

COMMISSION ACTION:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WHALEN TO APPROVE THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO DENY THE APPEAL AND AFFIRM THE HEARING OFFICER'S DECISION TO APPROVE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 1901915 (AMENDING COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 522763) AND SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 1901916. Seconded by Commissioner Austin. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0 with Commissioners Pearson, Hofman, Austin, Granowitz, Boomhower, Otsuji and Whalen voting yea.

ITEM-2: **2019 STANDARDIZED REPORT OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – PLANNING COMMISSION**

Staff: PJ FitzGerald

No speaker slips in favor of the item were submitted.

Speaker slips in opposition to the item submitted by Kathleen Lippitt.

COMMISSION ACTION:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOOMHOWER TO APPROVE THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE 2019 STANDARDIZED REPORT OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – PLANNING COMMISSION WITH AMENDMENT TO UPDATE THE MISSION STATEMENT TO INCLUDE THEIR TERM LIMITATIONS AND THEIR CHARGE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON POLICY ITEMS AND PROJECTS. STAFF NOTED THAT THE MISSION STATEMENT COMES FROM THE CITY CHARTER, WHICH WOULD NEED TO BE MODIFIED TO INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION. Seconded by Commissioner Hofman. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0 with Commissioners Peerson, Hofman, Austin, Granowitz, Boomhower, Otsuji and Whalen voting yea.